

WRITING ASSESSMENT
Write your final composition here.

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When I was in the fifth grade I always wanted to go to Europe. So one day, when I was 22 years old and I had finished collage, I went on a trip that I would remember for the rest of my life. My parents didn't want to let me go. They cried and said, "You just got back from collage won't you stay a little longer?" I didn't want them to cry so I agreed to stay for a week before I went to Europe.

On the day I had planned to leave, I had all my things packed up and was ready to go. I had bought a ticket to go to Europe on a plane. I assured my parents I would call them first thing when I got to Europe.

Before I knew it, I was on a plane sitting next to a girl in a flowery dress. Her destination was also Europe and we talked while on the plane. When we were finally at Europe, we got off the plane and I called my parents. We talked for two hours straight and me and my new friend, Steffy were getting hungry. I said goodbye to Mom and Dad and we went out to eat.

While we sat there, by the window eating pasta and garlic bread, I thought of my parents, my life at home, my little brother, and all my days in Tennessee. I felt tears come into my eyes but I didn't want Steffy to see me.

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cry. I told her I would be right back and I went to the bathroom. I felt the tears come again and I got a paper towel to wipe them away.

The ruff towel felt hard against my skin so I threw it away and wiped my nose on the sleeve of my shirt. Then, I thought of something my grandma told me once. She had said "Young 'en you're not going to get your way by crying about stuff. You got to try to make the best out of what you got." And that was the truth. I whiped my tears away and went out and sat in front of Steffy. "What's wrong," she asked. "Nothing," I said. "Do you want to go to Venice?" "To Venice," she cried. "Well, sure, I don't know what's gotten over you all of the sudden, but I'd love to go! We can get tickets tomorrow. We found a hotel to stay in and went to sleep.

Early the next morning we went to Venice. We had the best time ever. We went to restraint pools, and festivals. On the last day, we got on the plane and went home. She said she was to go to Washington, but promised to call me once she got there. It was the best time I ever had!

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in narrative writing skills. Organization and development are well controlled. The writer displays and sustains varied syntax and clear language facility (I assured my parents, her destination was also Europe, the rough towel felt hard against my skin). Dialogue is used effectively (She had said, "Young 'en, you're not going to get your way by crying about stuff"). Additionally, the response is generally free from errors in mechanics, usage, and sentence structure.